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SUBJECT: BRIEFING BY DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN ROBERT  
ANDERSON FOLLOWING SECRETARY KISSINGER - FOREIGN MINISTER  
GROMYKO TALKS AT HOFBURG PRESS CENTER, VIENNA, AT 2245 ON  
MAY 19, 1975

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF SUBJECT PRESS BRIEFING:

AMB. ANDERSON: (QUOTE) FIRST, IF I MAY JUST RUN OVER  
THE MEETING AND THE WORKING DINNER TODAY AND THEN I'LL  
MENTION TOMORROW.

(QUOTE) THE MEETING BEGAN ON SCHEDULE AT 5:00 THIS  
AFTERNOON. IN THE FIRST HOUR AND A QUARTER THE SECRETARY  
AND FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO MET ALONE. DURING THIS  
PERIOD THEY REVIEWED, SHALL WE SAY, THE WORLD SITUATION  
SINCE THE LAST TIME THEY MET, WHICH WAS IN FEBRUARY AS  
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SOME OF YOU MAY RECALL. FOLLOWING THAT AT 6:15 THE

PLENARY SESSIONS BEGAN. THE PLENARY SESSIONS CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING PARTICIPANTS, AND I WILL GO OVER IT AGAIN FOR YOU FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE NOT HERE THIS AFTERNOON.

(QUOTE) ON THE SOVIET SIDE THERE WAS FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO, AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN, SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES; MR. KORNIYENKO, CHIEF OF THE AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; MR. MAKAROV, WHO IS THE CHEF DE CABINET OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY; MR. FOKIN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER; MR. SOKOLOV, THE CHIEF OF THE AMERICAN SECTION OF THE AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND THEN MR. SUKHODREV, COUNSELOR OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERPRETER.

(QUOTE) AND ON OUR SIDE, THERE WAS THE SECRETARY OF STATE; THE COUNSELOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, HELMUT SONNENFELDT; THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS ARTHUR HARTMAN; THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE SOVIET UNION, WALTER STOESSEL; MR. WILLIAM HYLAND WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF RESEARCH AND INTELLIGENCE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND MR. JAN LODAL WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL STAFF OF THE WHITE HOUSE IN WASHINGTON. AND AT THE DINNER THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, JOSEPH SISCO, JOINED THE GROUP. AND IN ADDITION, MR. SYTENKO, THE CHIEF OF THE NEAR EASTERN COUNTRIES DEPARTMENT, JOINED THE DINNER.

(QUOTE) THE PLENARY SESSION MET FOR TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS. IT BROKE AT 8:45 AND THEN THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY THE WORKING DINNER WHICH ENDED A LITTLE AFTER 10:00 P.M. AND IF MY ARITHMETIC DOES NOT COMPLETELY FAIL ME, I THINK THIS COMES UP TO ABOUT A TOTAL OF FIVE HOURS OF CONVERSATION TODAY.

(QUOTE) AS FOR THE PLENARY MEETING I WILL -- FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE NOT OVER AT THE HOTEL OR WHO HAVE SINCE NOT BEEN ABLE TO HEAR A TAPE OF WHAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SECRETARY SAID WHEN HE ESCORTED FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO TO THE CAR -- THE SECRETARY SAID THAT AT THE PLENARY MEETING THERE WAS A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE SITUATION AND THEN THEY BEGAN ON THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE AND HAD A FULL DISCUSSION OF THAT. FOLLOWING THIS THERE WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE DISCUSSIONS ON SALT -- THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS. AND AS THE SECRETARY SAID, THE TALKS WERE CONSTRUCTIVE

AND THEY WERE HELD IN A CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE, AND THAT SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE ON THE SUBJECTS UNDER DISCUSSION. THE TALKS WILL BEGIN TOMORROW, CONTRARY TO WHAT I ANNOUNCED THIS AFTERNOON, AT 9:30 IN THE MORNING AND NOT 10:00.

(QUOTE) NOW, THE PARTICIPANTS FOR TOMORROW'S TALKS ON THE AMERICAN SIDE AND, AS FAR AS I KNOW, ON THE SOVIET SIDE WILL BE THE SAME AS TODAY. IN OTHER WORDS, MR. HYLAND, MR. LODAL WILL ALSO BE PARTICIPATING. NOW WHEN THE TALKS BEGIN ON THE MIDDLE EAST THEN OBVIOUSLY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS, ROY ATHERTON, WILL JOIN THE TALKS AND IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LUNCHEON THAT WILL FOLLOW THE TALKS. IN ADDITION, MR. SYTENKO WHO, AS I MENTIONED TO YOU EARLIER, IS THE CHIEF OF THE NEAR EASTERN COUNTRIES DIVISION OF THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY, OBVIOUSLY WILL BE JOINING FOR THE MIDDLE EASTERN PART OF THE TALKS. AND IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS THAT I CAN TRY TO ANSWER I WILL BE GLAD TO DO IT, BUT I CAN TELL YOU OBVIOUSLY THAT AT THIS PARTICULAR STAGE IN THE TALKS AS FAR AS GETTING INTO THE DETAILED SUBSTANCE I AM NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT.

(QUOTE):

I: YOU SAID THEY BEGAN TALKING ABOUT SALT TODAY.  
THEY WILL CONTINUE THAT TOMORROW MORNING?

ANDERSON: THEY WILL CONTINUE THAT--THEY WILL LEAD OFF WITH THAT TOMORROW, MARVIN.

Q: IS THAT THE VIEW OF COMPLETING A SPECIFIC TOPIC TOMORROW?

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ANDERSON: YOU MEAN TO COMPLETE THE DISCUSSIONS THAT THEY INTEND TO HAVE ON SALT TOMORROW? WHAT DO

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YOU MEAN BY COMPLETING A GIVEN TOPIC?

Q: COMPLETE DISCUSSIONS ON A GIVEN TOPIC. TO REACH  
TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON ONE AREA.

ANDERSON: WELL, IT DEPENDS REALLY, MARVIN, ON WHAT  
YOU MEAN BY TENTATIVE AGREEMENT.

Q: IT CAN'T BE FINAL UNTIL IT'S SIGNED.

ANDERSON: PRECISELY, AND THIS IS, AS WE ALL KNOW,  
A VERY COMPLICATED NEGOTIATION. AS WE ALSO KNOW,  
THE TALKS IN GENEVA HAVE RECESSED. THEY WILL BEGIN  
AGAIN IN EARLY JUNE. THIS PARTICULAR DISCUSSION  
BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER  
GIVES BOTH OF THEM A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THIS  
QUESTION, SHALL WE SAY, AT MORE THAN A TECHNICAL  
LEVEL AND THEN THERE WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS  
IN WASHINGTON ABOUT THIS SUBJECT. AMBASSADOR  
JOHNSON IS SCHEDULED TO COME BACK AND RESUME

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NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA, AS I MENTIONED A MOMENT  
AGO, IN EARLY JUNE. THEREFORE, I DON'T EXPECT ANY  
FINAL DECISION SUCH AS YOU MAY HAVE SUGGESTED,  
MARVIN, DURING THESE PARTICULAR CONVERSATIONS.

Q: SINCE THE TALKS ON CSCE APPEAR TO BE COMPLETED  
NOW, CAN YOU TELL US ANYTHING ABOUT THE RESULTS

OF THAT? FOR INSTANCE, IS IT THE AMERICAN VIEW  
THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE GOT TO THE STAGE WHERE  
THERE COULD NOW BE A SUMMIT?

ANDERSON: WELL, I DO NOT THINK THAT THERE IS  
ANYTHING THAT I HAVE SAID IN ANY WAY THAT WOULD  
INDICATE THAT THE DISCUSSIONS, OR THE TALKS,  
OR THE NEGOTIATIONS, HOWEVER YOU PUT IT, HAVE BEEN  
COMPLETED. THERE IS STILL A LOT OF WORK TO  
BE DONE.

Q: I MEANT THE TALKS HERE. THIS ITEM ON THE  
AGENDA.

ANDERSON: WELL, AS I SAID WITH REGARD TO THE DISCUSSIONS TODAY, THAT SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS, BUT I ALSO UNDERLINED THAT THERE IS STILL A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE. BUT WE ARE GOING ON THE ASSUMPTION, AS I HAVE SAID IN WASHINGTON A GREAT NUMBER OF TIMES, THAT THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS THAT WILL HAVE BEEN MADE WHICH WILL WARRANT THE CONCLUSION OF THESE TALKS AT A SUMMIT MEETING.

Q: HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO LOOK FORWARD TO A DATE FOR THE FINAL SESSION OF CSCE?

ANDERSON: NO.

Q: NO DISCUSSION TODAY ON A DATE?

ANDERSON: I DO NOT WANT TO GET INTO THE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS THAT WENT ON. BUT FROM WHAT I HAVE JUST SAID TO YOU -- THAT THERE IS MUCH WORK TO  
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BE DONE BEFORE ONE CAN ASSUME THAT THERE WILL BE A SUMMIT MEETING. WE FEEL THAT THIS PROBABLY WILL BE ABLE TO BE WORKED OUT, BUT THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC DATE THAT WAS DISCUSSED AT THIS PARTICULAR MEETING. IT IS PREMATURE.

Q: IS THERE ANY REASON WHY THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION WAS NOT DISCUSSED TODAY? WILL THIS BE PROLONGED TOMORROW?

ANDERSON: WELL, ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT BEFORE THE TALKS BEGAN, IT WAS AGREED THAT EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS NO FORMAL AGENDA AT ALL, THE DISCUSSION ON THE MIDDLE EAST WOULD PROBABLY TAKE

PLACE ON THE SECOND DAY. SO THERE WAS NEVER REALLY ANY INTENTION TO TRY AND DO THE SALT QUESTION, EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE AND MIDDLE EAST TODAY. I THINK THAT IT WAS ALWAYS ASSUMED THAT THAT WOULD TAKE PLACE TOMORROW.

Q: TWO QUESTIONS -- DO YOU KNOW IF THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE BEGAN IN THE PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS AND SECONDLY, DO YOU KNOW WHAT PROPORTION OF TIME WAS SPENT TONIGHT ON SALT AS DISTINGUISHED FROM THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE?

ANDERSON: I CANNOT ANSWER YOUR FIRST QUESTION WITH ANY ACCURACY MURRAY. THE SECOND QUESTION -- BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO HAVE A COMPLETE DISCUSSION OF THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE AND THEN THEY BEGAN THE DISCUSSIONS ON SALT -- I CAN ONLY SAY THAT THE GREATER PART OF THE DISCUSSION WAS ON THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE.

Q: DO YOU EXPECT A FINAL COMMUNIQUE TOMORROW?

ANDERSON: I CANNOT SAY THAT WITH ONE HUNDRED PERCENT CERTAINTY, BUT I WOULD THINK IT WOULD BE LIKELY THAT THERE WOULD BE A BRIEF JOINT  
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STATEMENT TOMORROW. I CANNOT GIVE YOU THE TIME ON THAT YET OR ONE HUNDRED PERCENT CERTAINTY.

Q: BACK TO THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE. CAN ONE EXPECT ANY FURTHER SOVIET CONCESSIONS EITHER AS A RESULT OF THESE TALKS, OR WERE THEY INDICATED IN THESE TALKS?

ANDERSON: I DO NOT WANT TO GET INTO THE SUBSTANCE, THE DETAILED SUBSTANCE OF THE DISCUSSION ON THE SUBJECT. I THINK IT IS BETTER NOT TO.

Q: MR. AMBASSADOR, IN THE DISCUSSION OF CSCE CAN YOU TELL US IF THE TWO PARTICIPANTS TOUCHED AT ALL ON MBFR WITHIN THAT CONTEXT?

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ANDERSON: I CANNOT AND I WILL CONFESS TO YOU THAT I  
NEGLECTED TO ASK WHETHER THE SUBJECT OF MBFR WAS RAISED.  
AS FAR AS I KNOW, IT WAS NOT BUT I WOULD BE GLAD TO TRY TO  
CHECK INTO THAT AND I WILL POST SOMETHING IF I HAVE  
ANYTHING. AS FAR AS I KNOW THAT SPECIFIC SUBJECT  
WAS NOT DISCUSSED.

Q. WILL THERE BE A THIRD MEETING AFTER LUNCH TOMORROW?

ANDERSON: I DO NOT KNOW IF THERE WILL BE A THIRD MEETING  
AFTER THE LUNCH TOMORROW. MY GUESS IS THAT AS WE SAY  
IN AMERICA, WE WILL PLAY IT BY EAR.

Q: THE SECRETARY HAS A FIRM COMMITMENT TO BE IN  
BONN TOMORROW?

ANDERSON: YES, HE DOES. WE ARE PLANNING TO LEAVE THE  
LATTER PART OF THE AFTERNOON. BUT AS YOU SAY, WHO  
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KNOWS HOW LONG THE MORNING MEETING WILL LAST? WHO KNOWS HOW LONG THE LUNCH WILL LAST? IS IT GOING TO BE A LONG LUNCH, SHORT LUNCH? LET'S JUST WAIT AND SEE.

Q: ARE THERE ANY INDICATIONS THAT IF THEY REACH SOME KIND OF AN AGREEMENT OR IF THERE IS SOME DEVELOPMENT, THEY WILL MEET SOON AGAIN?

ANDERSON: I CANNOT ANSWER THAT. MAYBE THERE WILL BE SOMETHING..WELL, YOU KNOW WE ALWAYS HAVE UNFINISHED BUSINESS HERE, BUT TO TRY AND PREDICT WHEN THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL MEET AGAIN -- I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO HELP YOU OUT.

Q: IT TOOK A LONG TIME TO GET TOGETHER.

ANDERSON: IT IS NOT TOO LONG.

Q: DID THE GENERAL REVIEW OF THE SITUATION ALSO INCLUDE THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS AND DID IT INCLUDE DISCUSSION OR REFERENCE TO THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL?

ANDERSON: I CANNOT ANSWER THAT. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER IT INCLUDED A REFERENCE TO CYRUS AND/OR PORTUGAL. I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE SUBJECT, AS SOME OF YOU MIGHT EXPECT, OF VIETNAM OBVIOUSLY CAME UP. THAT DID COME UP, AND IN THAT DISCUSSION -- FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE READ OR SEEN REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S SPEECH IN ST. LOUIS WHERE HE REFERRED TO THE FOUR ASPECTS OF DETENTE -- THE SECRETARY DID STRESS THE POINT, AS HE HAD STRESSED IN HIS ST. LOUIS SPEECH, OF THE NEED FOR RESTRAINT, IN WHAT HE DESCRIBED IN THAT SPEECH, IN PERIPHERAL AREAS. THAT IS ONE SUBJECT THAT DID COME UP AND THE SECRETARY MENTIONED THAT TO HIM.

Q: THAT CAME UP AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PLENARY SESSION, THAT REVIEW -- OR IN THE MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND GROMYKO?

ANDERSON: AS FAR AS I KNOW, THAT CAME IN THE INITIAL SESSION WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER WHEN THERE WAS, AS UNCLASSIFIED

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I MENTIONED EARLIER, A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE WORLD SITUATION. THANK YOU.

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